

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 3:45:01 p.m. in pro forma session, and recessed at 3:45:32 p.m. until 11 a.m., on Thursday, October 27, 2011.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3241–3253; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 445–446 were introduced. **Pages H7007–08**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7008–09**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 444, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1904) to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–258). **Page H7007**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NE) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6989**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Avelino Gonzalez, Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H6989**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m. **Page H6990**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Kantishna Hills Renewable Energy Act of 2011: H.R. 441, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve and to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc.; **Pages H6990–91**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for microhydro projects in nonwilderness areas with-

in the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes." **Page H6991**

Amending the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic: H.R. 295, amended, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; **Pages H6991–92**

McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act: H.R. 1160, amended, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 395 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 802; **Pages H6992–94, H7003**

South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act: H.R. 461, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District; **Pages H6994–95**

Directing the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District: H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District; **Pages H6995–96**

Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act: H.R. 320, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 801; and

Pages H6996–97, H7002–03

European Union Emissions Trading Scheme Prohibition Act of 2011: H.R. 2594, to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme.

Pages H6997–H7002

Recess: The House recessed at 5:30 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7002–03, H7003. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

House

DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE: A NATIONAL SECURITY IMPERATIVE

Committee on Armed Services: Panel on Business Challenges within the Defense Industry, hearing on the Defense Industrial Base: A National Security Imperative. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOUTHEAST ARIZONA LAND EXCHANGE AND CONSERVATION ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1904, the "Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011." The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified

in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Hastings of Washington; Rep. Gosar; Rep. Markey; and Rep. Grijalva.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 25 through October 29, 2011

Senate Chamber

The Senate will not be in session and will meet on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 11 a.m. for a pro forma session only with no business conducted.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, October 25, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on military retirement reform, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 26, full Committee, hearing on economic consequences of defense sequestration, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Army acquisition and modernization, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 27, Panel on Defense Financial Management and Auditability Reform, hearing on DOD's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system implementation efforts, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on readiness in the age of austerity, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 25, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, hearing on "Government-Run Student Loans: Ensuring the Direct Loan Program is Accountable to Students and Taxpayers." 10 a.m. 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 25, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 1633, the "Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 25, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Internet Gaming: Is there a Safe Bet?" 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and the Subcommittee on Health, joint hearing entitled "CLASS Cancelled: An Unsustainable Program and Its Consequences for the Nation's Deficit." 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.